

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out in D.C. Code, §9-108.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 136, 174b-1, 184a, 193h, 193i, 193j, 193k, 193l, 193m, 212a of this title.

§ 193c. Obstruction of roads; conveyance of goods or merchandise; Capitol Grounds

It is forbidden to occupy the roads in said United States Capitol Grounds in such manner as to obstruct or hinder their proper use, or to use the roads in the area of said United States Capitol Grounds, south of Constitution Avenue and B Street and north of Independence Avenue and B Street, for the conveyance of goods or merchandise, except to or from the Capitol on Government service.

(July 31, 1946, ch. 707, §3, 60 Stat. 718.)

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out in D.C. Code, §9-109.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 136, 174b-1, 184a, 193h, 193i, 193j, 193k, 193l, 193m, 212a of this title.

§ 193d. Sale of articles; signs; solicitation; Capitol Grounds

It is forbidden to offer or expose any article for sale in said United States Capitol Grounds; to display any sign, placard, or other form of advertisement therein; to solicit fares, alms, subscriptions, or contributions therein.

(July 31, 1946, ch. 707, §4, 60 Stat. 718.)

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out in D.C. Code, §9-110.

RELOCATION OF VENDORS; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROHIBITION OF SALE OF ARTICLES, ETC.

Pub. L. 96-432, §6(c), Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1853, provided that, in order to provide a fair and reasonable transition period in which to permit the orderly relocation of those duly licensed vendors operating, as of Oct. 10, 1980, on those portions of Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, and Maryland Avenue Southwest, hereby included in the definition of United States Capitol Grounds pursuant to section 1(4) and (5) [of Pub. L. 96-432, set out as a note under section 193a of this title], so much of the prohibitions contained in section 4 of the law of July 31, 1946 (60 Stat. 718) [this section], as would prevent the use of those portions of Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, and Maryland Avenue Southwest, for the offer and exposure of articles for sale, be suspended for a period not to exceed one year.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 136, 174b-1, 184a, 193h, 193i, 193j, 193k, 193l, 193m, 212a, 1205 of this title; title 2 sections 121c, 121d.

§ 193e. Injuries to property; Capitol Grounds

It is forbidden to step or climb upon, remove, or in any way injure any statue, seat, wall, fountain, or other erection or architectural feature, or any tree, shrub, plant, or turf in said United States Capitol Grounds.

(July 31, 1946, ch. 707, §5, 60 Stat. 718.)

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out in D.C. Code, §9-111.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 136, 174b-1, 184a, 193h, 193i, 193j, 193k, 193l, 193m, 212a of this title.

§ 193f. Capitol Grounds and Buildings security

(a) Firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives, or incendiary devices

It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons—

(1) Except as authorized by regulations which shall be promulgated by the Capitol Police Board:

(A) to carry on or have readily accessible to the person of any individual upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings any firearm, dangerous weapon, explosive, or incendiary device; or

(B) to discharge any firearm or explosive, to use any dangerous weapon, or to ignite any incendiary device, upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings; or

(C) to transport by any means upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings any explosive or incendiary device; or

(2) Knowingly, with force and violence, to enter or to remain upon the floor of either House of the Congress.

(b) Violent entry and disorderly conduct

It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons willfully and knowingly—

(1) to enter or to remain upon the floor of either House of the Congress, to enter or to remain in any cloakroom or lobby adjacent to such floor, or to enter or to remain in the Rayburn Room of the House or the Marble Room of the Senate, unless such person is authorized, pursuant to rules adopted by that House or pursuant to authorization given by that House, to enter or to remain upon such floor or in such cloakroom, lobby, or room;

(2) to enter or to remain in the gallery of either House of the Congress in violation of rules governing admission to such gallery adopted by that House or pursuant to authorization given by that House;

(3) to enter or to remain in any room within any of the Capitol Buildings set aside or designated for the use of either House of the Congress or any Member, committee, subcommittee, officer, or employee of the Congress or either House thereof with intent to disrupt the orderly conduct of official business;

(4) to utter loud, threatening, or abusive language, or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct, at any place upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings with intent to impede, disrupt, or disturb the orderly conduct of any session of the Congress or either House thereof, or the orderly conduct within any such building of any hearing before, or any deliberations of, any committee or subcommittee of the Congress or either House thereof;

(5) to obstruct, or to impede passage through or within, the United States Capitol Grounds or any of the Capitol Buildings;

(6) to engage in any act of physical violence upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings; or

(7) to parade, demonstrate, or picket within any of the Capitol Buildings.

(c) Exemption of Government officials

Nothing contained in this section shall forbid any act of any Member of the Congress, or any employee of a Member of the Congress, any officer or employee of the Congress or any committee or subcommittee thereof, or any officer or employee of either House of the Congress or any committee or subcommittee thereof, which is performed in the lawful discharge of his official duties.

(July 31, 1946, ch. 707, §6, 60 Stat. 718; Pub. L. 87-571, Aug. 6, 1962, 76 Stat. 307; Pub. L. 90-108, §1(b), Oct. 20, 1967, 81 Stat. 276.)

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out in D.C. Code, §9-112.

AMENDMENTS

1967—Pub. L. 90-108 struck out prohibition covering discharge of fireworks, ignition of combustibles, and making of harangues and orations, removed provisions making special allowance for use of construction tools actuated by or employing explosive charges, and inserted provisions prohibiting carrying or ready access to firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives, or incendiary devices upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings, expanding area within which discharge of firearms or explosives are prohibited so as to include the interior of the Capitol Buildings, adding ignition of incendiary devices and use of dangerous weapons to list of acts prohibited within such areas, prohibiting transport of explosive or incendiary devices and knowing entry or stay with force and violence upon the floor of either House of Congress, prohibiting disorderly and disruptive conduct on the floor of either House of Congress, cloakrooms, adjacent lobbies, the Rayburn Room of the House or the Marble Room of the Senate, the gallery of either House, and Committee rooms, and excepting members and employees of the Congress in the lawful discharge of their official duties.

1962—Pub. L. 87-571 permitted use of tools actuated by or employing explosives in construction, if the tools are of a kind ordinarily used for such construction, the Architect of the Capitol has authorized their use after determining they will not endanger life or safety, and such use is in accordance with his rules and regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-108 effective Oct. 20, 1967, see section 3 of Pub. L. 90-108, set out as a note under section 193a of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 136, 174b-1, 184a, 193h, 193i, 193j, 193k, 193l, 193m, 212a of this title.

§ 193g. Parades or assemblages; display of flags; Capitol Grounds

It is forbidden to parade, stand, or move in processions or assemblages in said United States Capitol Grounds, or to display therein any flag, banner, or device designed or adapted to bring into public notice any party, organization, or movement, except as hereinafter provided in sections 193j and 193k of this title.

(July 31, 1946, ch. 707, §7, 60 Stat. 719.)

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out in D.C. Code, §9-113.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 136, 174b-1, 184a, 193h, 193i, 193j, 193k, 193l, 193m, 212a of this title.

§ 193h. Prosecution and punishment of offenses

(a) Firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives, or incendiary device offenses

Any violation of section 193f(a) of this title, and any attempt to commit any such violation, shall be a felony punishable by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both.

(b) Other offenses

Any violation of section 193b, 193c, 193d, 193e, 193f(b), or 193g of this title, and any attempt to commit any such violation, shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

(c) Procedure

Violations of sections 193a to 193m, 212a, 212a-2, and 212b of this title, including attempts or conspiracies to commit such violations, shall be prosecuted by the United States attorney or his assistants in the name of the United States. None of the general laws of the United States and none of the laws of the District of Columbia shall be superseded by any provision of said sections. Where the conduct violating said sections also violates the general laws of the United States or the laws of the District of Columbia, both violations may be joined in a single prosecution. Prosecution for any violation of section 193f(a) of this title or for conduct which constitutes a felony under the general laws of the United States or the laws of the District of Columbia shall be in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. All other prosecutions for violations of said sections may be in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Whenever any person is convicted of a violation of said sections and of the general laws of the United States or the laws of the District of Columbia, in a prosecution under this subsection, the penalty which may be imposed for such violation is the highest penalty authorized by any of the laws for violation of which the defendant is convicted.

(July 31, 1946, ch. 707, §8, 60 Stat. 719; Pub. L. 88-60, §§1, 7, July 8, 1963, 77 Stat. 77, 78; Pub. L. 90-108, §1(c), Oct. 20, 1967, 81 Stat. 277; Pub. L. 91-358, title I, §155(a), July 29, 1970, 84 Stat. 570.)

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out in D.C. Code, §9-114.

AMENDMENTS

1967—Pub. L. 90-108 struck out provisions setting a blanket punishment of not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding 60 days for offenses against sections 193b to 193g of this title, with prosecution for such offenses to be had in the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions upon information by the United States Attorney or any of his assistants and raising the imprisonment to not more than five years in cases where public property is damaged in an amount exceeding \$100 and inserted provisions dividing the offenses